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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, and 6-33 are pending in the present application. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 1 and 20 remain independent.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujie et al., (hereinafter referred to as "Fujie").

Without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's allegations made to reject the claims, but advance prosecution only, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein allowable claim 5. Thus, claims 1-4 are now allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20-33 are allowed. Claims 5-19 are objected to, but allowable.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final Rejection, in that it raises no new issues but merely places the claims in a form more clearly patentable over the references of record. In the alternative, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final Rejection in that it reduces the issues for appeal.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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